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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/28/03.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-20 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Arnold (US 6,275,848).

4. As per claim 1 and 6-7, Arnold teaches the invention as claimed including a method of delivering a document that accompanies an electronic mail [col. 1, lines 7-10]; the method comprising:

receiving an electronic mail [col. 2, lines 22-23 & 29-30; 204, Fig. 2];

removing a document attached to the electronic mail [col. 2, lines 23-25 & 31-32; col. 4, lines 6-24; 206-210, Fig. 2];

including in the electronic mail a link that leads to a storage location for the document [col. 2, lines 35-37 & 41-50; col. 3, lines 51 – col. 4, line 5; 212-214, Fig. 2];
and

sending the electronic mail to a recipient [col. 2, lines 25-26 & 32-33; 216, Fig. 2].

5. As per claims 2-3 and 5, Arnold teaches the storage location comprises a hyperlink included in a web page and receiving the electronic mail; and downloading the document by activating the link to the storage location [col. 3, line 51 – col. 4, line 5; col. 4, lines 25-42].

6. As per claim 4, Arnold teaches the web page includes links to documents that accompanied previously sent electronic mails [col. 3, line 52 – col. 4, line 5; col. 4, lines 25-42].

7. As per claims 8 and 10-13, since they are system claims of claim 1-7, they are rejected for the same bases as claims 1-7 above.

8. As per claim 9, Arnold teaches the electronic mail server comprises a simple mail transfer protocol (SMTP) server [col. 1, lines 39-45].

9. As per claims 14-15 and 17, Arnold teaches the invention substantially as claimed including a method of delivering a document that accompanies an electronic mail [col. 1, lines 7-10], the method comprising:

receiving an electronic mail from a first client computer, the electronic mail including a request for attachment processing [col. 2, lines 20-26, 29-32 & 41-46; col. 4, lines 6-24; 202-206, Fig. 2];

removing a document attached to the electronic mail [col. 2, lines 23-25 & 31-32; col. 4, lines 6-24; 206-210, Fig. 2];

storing the document in a storage location accessible by a web server [col. 2, lines 35-36 & 45-46; col. 3, line 52 – col. 4, line 5];

reformatting the electronic mail to include in the electronic mail a link to a web page that includes a link to the storage location, the web page including a plurality of links to documents that accompanied previously sent electronic mails; and sending the electronic mail to a recipient [col. 3, line 57 – col. 4, line 42].

10. As per claims 16 and 18-20, since they teaching the same limitations as claims 9-13 from different prospectors [i.e., server and receiver], they are rejected for the same basis as claims 9-13 above.

Conclusion

11. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

Bellotti et al. (US 7,139,800), Hall et al. (US 7,231,426) and Dennis (US 7,143,140) disclose system for handling e-mail attachment.

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12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jinsong Hu whose telephone number is (571) 272-3965. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn can be reached on (571) 272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jinsong Hu', with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

Jinsong Hu

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